

WILD WEATHER

Kawana, Caloundra, Golden Beach and Pelican Waters

Lifesavers equipped for any big tide

WATER lapped a lifesavers' clubhouse and crept over some low-lying roads, but the Caloundra area fared better yesterday than other areas of the Sunshine Coast.

Members of the Ithaca-Caloundra City Lifesaving Club at Bulcock Beach moved equipment to the upper level as waters crept closer to the clubhouse footings.

Paul Seto said the club was fortunate that tides had so far been lower than predicted, and the water had so far stopped about 70cm short of the building's footings.

"It's like all the water's been sucked north," he said.

Mr Seto said that if predicted heavy rainfall eventuated, the combination of

RAINFALL

Caloundra 165mm
Golden Beach 106mm
Pelican Waters 165mm
*from 9am to 9pm yesterday

run-off and tides might push the water level closer to the building.

"It should be okay, but we're monitoring it.

"But there's a limited number of things we can do."

"She's a tried and tested old building and we trust in her strong legs," he said.

All of Caloundra's beaches were closed yesterday, and the popular Moffat Beach-Tooway Lake area might be off limits for a while.



WATCHFUL: Paul Seto, of Ithaca Caloundra Life Saving Club House, inspects erosion at rear of the clubhouse.

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Local Disaster Management Group co-ordinator Andrew Ryan said Unitywater had advised that 29 sewerage pump stations had overflowed.

The Moffat Beach/Tooway Lake and Buderim Falls stations were of most concern, Mr Ryan said.

More than 100mm of rain had fallen around the Caloundra area in the 24 hours to 6pm yesterday.

At Ewan Maddock Dam, 185mm had been recorded, while 165mm fell at Caloundra Airport, 106mm at Golden Beach, 147mm at Meridan Plains, and 143mm at

the Parreara Weir.

The Sunshine Coast Council's disaster hub did not list any roads closed in the Caloundra area, but motorists were advised to drive with caution in some areas where water was over the road.

Water was over Caloundra Rd at Caloundra, the Nicklin

Way roundabout, and Little Mountain.

Water hazards were also reported on Beerburum St in Aroona, Hume St at Golden Beach and Flitcroft Place in Pelican Waters.

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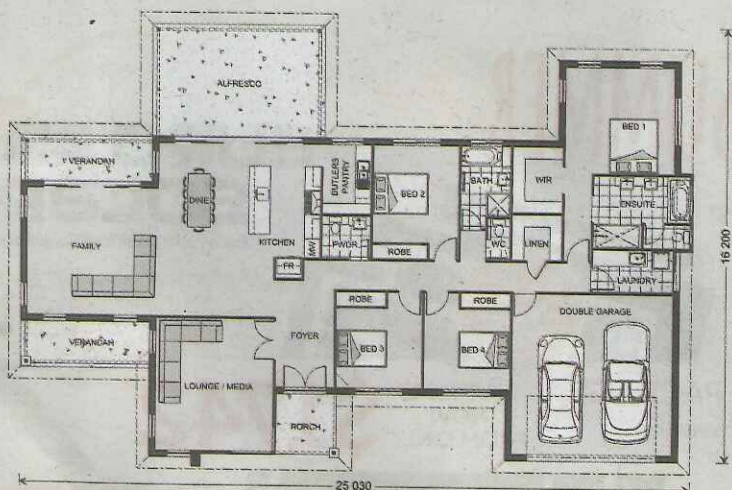
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